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AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SOFT
CAPSULES USING SAME**

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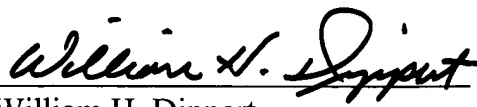
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Claims 1 and 2 are pending, and new Claims 3 to 6 have been added.

Claim 1 has been amend for clarification. New Claims 3 to 6 are directed to embodiments of the invention that are consistent with Claims 1 and 2 but also are consistent with broader language set forth in the specification. Support for new Claims 3 to 6 can be found in the specification at, for example, Column 7, lines 17 - 21, 27 - 31, and 42 - 44; Column 8, lines 10 - 17; Column 9, lines 32 - 34; Column 11, lines 9 - 10; Column 12, lines 33 - 34; and Column 13, lines 3 - 6.

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